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SUBJECT: FURTHER MFA INQUIRY ABOUT A-2 VISAS

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1. MFA UNDERSECRETARY AMBASSADOR AL MANSOURI ASKED AMBASSADOR PORTER SEPTEMBER 13 IF EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED REPLY TO HIS MINISTRY'S REQUEST THAT SAUDI OFFICIAL STUDENTS GOING TO THE STATES BE ISSUED A-2 VISAS FOR AT LEAST TWO MORE MONTHS.

2. AMBASSADOR PORTER SAID A REPLY HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED, AND THE SAG SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SINCE THE ISSUE INVOLVED LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATIONS, THE CHANCE OF A QUICK REPLY WAS LESS THAN IF THE QUESTION WAS BEING HANDLED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. HE MADE CLEAR THE PROBLEMS THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FACED ON THIS ISSUE, AND SAID HE COULD NOT BE OPTIMISTIC.

3. MANSOURI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD, AND THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT PRINCE SAUD DISCUSS THE NEED FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF A-2 COVERAGE FOR SAUDI STUDENTS WHEN HE MEETS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER LATER IN SEPTEMBER.
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